Boston, April 24, 1838.

Beloved bro. May:

I have not been prompt in replying to yours of the 16th, simply because I have been "all at sea" as to the probability of my going to New-York. Even now, I am unable to decide whether it will be wise or expedient for me to be drawn into such a whirlpool of excitement as will engulph the great city of Babylon during the anniversary week. Although I have derived some benefit from the Thompsonian treatment, yet the complaint in my head almost wholly unfits me for mental effort.— The least excitement makes my brain reel as if I had drunk a full potation of liquor. I am useless as an editor, useless as a speaker; and therefore not worth much, "either in the gross or by detail." The friends here are very desirous that I should be in New-York; and, truly, "the spirit is willing, but the head is weak." Every thing will depend upon my feelings next Monday. Greatly rejoiced am I to know that you purpose to wend your way to head-quarters, and much shall I covet your company, if I may be permitted to take the same journey. A week from to-day (Tuesday) would be the one most convenient for me to leave Boston. But the probability now is against my going. I hope you will come to the city, nevertheless, on Monday next; for there are many things I want to say to you, particularly if I am to be left behind.

Have you read Brownson's article on slavery in the 2d No. of his Quarterly? If so, don't you think it wholly unworthy of a sound mind, and is it not deserving of severe treatment at the hands of abolition critics? I have lost all my confidence in B. as a reformer. Poor man! my strictures upon him make him feel badly. He has addressed a long letter to me through the columns of the Reformer, a copy of which may have been sent to you. It is written with much feeling, and is spiced very freely with inconsistency and egotism. I shall publish it, with comments, in the Liberator.

Yesterday, the Grimkés bade farewell to Boston, and to the Commonwealth, having accomplished more for the cause of God's suffering ones, in the course of a year, than any of us realize, or dare to measure. Helen went with me down to the cars to see them depart, where we found Mr. and Mrs. Child, Mrs. Chapman, Mary Chapman, Caroline Weston, Mrs. Loring, the Southwicks, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Philbrick, &c. &c. Sarah was to lecture in Providence last evening. They will leave P. for Philadelphia on Wednesday, but do not expect to be present at the meetings in New-York. Angelina's closing lecture at the Odeon, last Thursday evening, was the keystone of the arch. Its peroration was of a melting and thrilling character. The audience was truly immense, and her mastery over it was wonderful.

My annual report is at last out. Bro. Phelps wrote a protest against that part of it relating to the Clerical Appeal, and had it printed — but I am happy to say, both for his sake and the cause, has concluded to suppress it. More on this subject when I see you.

It is now so late, that I presume my volume of Lovejoy, if sent to you, would arrive too late to have you read it before Monday. It is an interesting volume, but contains nothing new respecting the Alton tragedy. Perhaps I shall conclude to send it to you by the next stage.

Bro. St. Clair lectured last evening at Hingham, and then came home, arriving here about 12 o'clock. He started before breakfast for Lowell, to attend the Middlesex county meeting this day. I did not see him, and therefore know not what has been his success. He is a driver indeed — not a slave-driver.

Mary Parker thinks of attending the Convention of Women at Philadelphia.

Single. — Paid.

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